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Application No.: 10/615,196 )  
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For: SPINAL STABILIZATION IMPLANT )  
AND METHOD OF APPLICATION )

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**SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SECTION  
OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant encloses a copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Applicant was provided a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 28, 2004 regarding Applicant's Preliminary Amendment filed on December 15, 2003. A complete listing of all of the claims was not present. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith the corrected Section A) **Amendments to the Claims**:, pages 2 - 6, for substitution of the original section.

This section now provides a complete listing of all of the claims and now indicates correctly that claims 1 - 12 were previously presented and are still presented for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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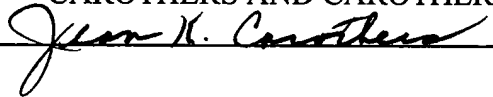


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